



Kansas Law Enforcement Memorial

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GOVERNOR MARK PARKINSON AND ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVE SIX TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 28TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The 28th Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony will be held Friday, May 7, 2010 beginning at Noon at the law enforcement monument on the northeast corner of the Statehouse Grounds. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the south wing of the first floor of the Capitol. Governor Mark Parkinson and Attorney General Steve Six will present remarks at the ceremony.

The 15th annual candlelight vigil will be held by the Topeka Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary at the memorial at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2010.

One law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty since May 2009, Sedgwick County Deputy Sheriff Brian Etheridge, will be honored this year:

BRIAN ETHERIDGE

On Monday, September 28, 2009, Sedgwick County Deputy Sheriff Brian Etheridge was dispatched to a residence in Sedgwick County to take a larceny report. While he was at the residence trying to make contact with the calling party he was ambushed and shot once in the back with a high-powered rifle. The bullet penetrated his protective vest.

Although severely wounded, Deputy Etheridge was able to radio for help. As officers were responding, his attacker was able to obtain Deputy Etheridge's weapon and shoot him a second time with the deputy's own gun. Deputies arrived and were able to pull Deputy Etheridge to safety. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance where he later died from his wounds.

During the search by law enforcement officers to apprehend Deputy Etheridge's attacker, the suspect shot at those officers. The officers returned fire, striking the suspect. He later died at the hospital of his wounds.

Brian Etheridge was 26-years-old at the time of his death. He had served the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department since July 7, 2008. Deputy Etheridge leaves a wife, Sarah and their two-year-old daughter Natalie.